

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) An intraurethral device, comprising:

a sheath having a distal portion, a proximal portion, and a lumen therethrough;

a urinary flow control valve disposed within the lumen of said sheath;

a distal member having a distal portion and a proximal portion, the proximal portion of the distal member being operatively connected to the distal portion of the sheath; and

a proximal retainer disposed on the proximal portion of the sheath;

wherein the distal member and the sheath each define a longitudinal axis, wherein the longitudinal axis of the distal member is disposed at an angle relative to the longitudinal axis of the sheath.

23. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 22, wherein the distal member is actuatable between a first, outwardly extended position and a second, longitudinally extended position.

24-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 22, wherein the distal member defines a lumen.

27. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 26, further comprising means for axially aligning the lumen of the distal member with the lumen of the sheath.

28. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 27, wherein said means for axially aligning the lumen of the distal member with the lumen of the sheath includes an insertion tool.

29. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 22, wherein the distal portion of said distal member is generally conical in shape.

30. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 22, wherein the outer diameter of said distal member is substantially equal to the outer diameter of said sheath.

31. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 22, wherein the sheath and distal member are both comprised of silicon rubber.

32. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 22, wherein the sheath and distal member are both comprised of thermoplastic rubber.

33. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 22, further comprising linking means for hingedly connecting the proximal portion of the distal member to the distal portion of the sheath.

34. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 33, wherein said linking means includes an elastomeric hinge.

35. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 33, wherein said linking means includes a leaf spring.

36. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 22, wherein the proximal retainer includes a proximal lock.

37. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 36, wherein said proximal lock includes a plurality of recesses or cavities adapted to receive a flanged portion of said urinary flow control valve.

38. (Previously Presented) The intraurethral device of claim 22, wherein the distal portion of said sheath includes a distal stop configured to prevent distal movement of the urinary flow control valve.

39. (Currently Amended) An intraurethral device, comprising:
a sheath having a distal portion, a proximal portion, and a lumen therethrough;
a urinary flow control valve disposed within the lumen of said sheath;
a distal member having a distal portion and a proximal portion, the proximal portion of the distal member being ~~operatively~~ hingedly connected to the distal portion of the sheath;
and

a proximal retainer disposed on the proximal portion of the sheath, ~~the proximal retainer including a proximal lock having a plurality of recesses or cavities adapted to receive a flanged portion of said flow control valve.~~

40. (Currently Amended) An intraurethral bladder control assembly, comprising:
a sheath having a distal portion, a proximal portion, and a lumen therethrough;
a urinary flow control valve disposed within the lumen of said sheath;
a distal member having a distal portion and a proximal portion, the distal member being actuatable between a first, outwardly extended position and a second, longitudinally extended position; and
an insertion tool for axially aligning the distal member with the sheath;
wherein the distal member is coaxially aligned with the sheath in the longitudinally extended position.

41. (Currently Amended) The intraurethral ~~device~~ bladder control assembly of claim 40, wherein the distal portion of said distal member is generally conical in shape.

42. (Currently Amended) The intraurethral ~~device~~ bladder control assembly of claim 40, wherein the outer diameter of said distal member is substantially equal to the outer diameter of said sheath.

43. (Currently Amended) The intraurethral ~~device~~ bladder control assembly of claim 40, wherein the sheath and distal member are both comprised of silicon rubber.

44. (Currently Amended) The intraurethral ~~device~~ bladder control assembly of claim 40, wherein the sheath and distal member are both comprised of thermoplastic rubber.

45. (Currently Amended) The intraurethral ~~device~~ bladder control assembly of claim 40, further comprising linking means for hingedly connecting the proximal portion of the distal member to the distal portion of the sheath.

46. (Currently Amended) The intraurethral ~~device~~ bladder control assembly of claim 45, wherein said linking means includes an elastomeric hinge.

47. (Currently Amended) The intraurethral ~~device~~ bladder control assembly of claim 45, wherein said linking means includes a leaf spring.

48. (Currently Amended) The intraurethral ~~device~~ bladder control assembly of claim 40, wherein the proximal portion of said sheath includes a proximal lock.

49. (Currently Amended) The intraurethral ~~device~~ bladder control assembly of claim 48, wherein said proximal lock includes a plurality of recesses or cavities adapted to receive a flanged portion of said urinary flow control valve.

50. (Currently Amended) The intraurethral ~~device~~ bladder control assembly of claim 40, wherein the distal portion of said sheath includes a distal stop configured to prevent distal movement of the urinary flow control valve.

51. (Previously Presented) An intraurethral bladder control assembly, comprising:
a sheath having a distal portion, a proximal portion, and a lumen therethrough;
a urinary flow control valve disposed within the lumen of said sheath;
a distal member having a distal portion, a proximal portion, and a lumen, the distal member being actuatable between a first, outwardly extended position and a second, longitudinally extended position; and
an insertion tool for axially aligning the lumen of the distal member with the lumen of the sheath.

52. (New) The intraurethral device of claim 22, wherein the flow control valve includes a flanged portion and the proximal retainer includes a proximal lock having a plurality of recesses or cavities adapted to receive the flanged portion of the flow control valve.

53. (New) The intraurethral device of claim 39, wherein the flow control valve includes a flanged portion and the proximal retainer includes a proximal lock having a plurality of recesses or cavities adapted to receive the flanged portion of the flow control valve.